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SUBJ: GOM RECOGNIZES PRG

1. SUMMARY. GOM HAS RECOGNIZED THE PRG. OFFICIALS CONTINUE STRESS GOOD RELATIONS CAN EXIST WITH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT, BUT PRIVATELY FEAR RESULTS OF INDO-CHINA'S FALL. END SUMMARY

2. HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER GHAZALI SHAFIE ANNOUNCED MAY 2 THAT TELEGRAM HAD BEEN SENT TO PRG FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN THI BINH CONVEYING GOM RECOGNITION. PRESS QUOTES GHAZALI AS NOTING THAT RECOGNITION IS CONSISTENT WITH MALAYSIA'S STATED POLICY OF NEUTRALITY AND NONINTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. FRONT PAGE HEADLINE STORY IN MAY 3 NEW STRAITS TIMES QUOTES PRIME MINISTER RAZAK IN KINGSTON AS EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER POTENTIAL FLOW OF ARMS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM TO MALAYSIAN INSURGENTS.  
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HE REPORTEDLY INDICATED HE DID NOT FEAR PRG ITSELF WOULD CHANNEL CAPTURED ARMS TO INSURGENTS BUT THAT SOME WOULD REACH MALAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY (MCP) THROUGH SMUGGLERS ACTING FOR PROFIT. HE IS SAID TO HAVE STRESSED THAT NO PARALLEL COULD BE DRAWN BETWEEN VIETCONG, WHO HAVE INTERESTS OF VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AT HEART, AND MALAYSIAN COMMUNIST INSURGENTS WHO ARE BANDITS WITH LITTLE POPULAR SUPPORT. RAZAK IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SAID HE HOPED TO FINALIZE THE PROPOSAL FOR A ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY AT THE UPCOMING (MAY 13) CONFERENCE OF ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS IN KL WHICH HE WILL CHAIR.

4. ACTING PRIME MINISTER GHAFAR BABA, IN KUALA KRAI, TOLD UMNO PARTY MEMBERS "WE HOPE THAT BOTH THE NEW GOVTS IN CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM WOULD COOPERATE WITH ASEAN COUNTRIES IN MAINTAINING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STABILITY IN THIS REGION. WHETHER (THEY) FOLLOW THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF GOVT AS MALAYSIANS KNOW IT IS THEIR AFFAIR, BUT WE IN MALAYSIA WOULD CONTINUE WITH OUR PRESENT FORM OF GOVT."

5. COMMENT: WHILE CONTINUING TO FOLLOW THE DISINGENUOUS OFFICIAL LINE THAT THEY ARE AND HAVE BEEN NEUTRAL IN THE MATTER OF INDOCHINA, MALAYSIANS AND THE MALAYSIAN GOVT ARE UNDERSTANDABLY ALARMED AT THE FALL OF SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH. IN ADDITION TO UNEASINESS OVER NORTH VIETNAMESE INTENTIONS TOWARD SOUTHEAST ASIA IN GENERAL, THIS ALARM STEMS FROM RECENT INCIDENTS OF ARMED INSURGENT AND UNDERGROUND MCP ACTIVITY IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA AND IS SPURRED BY THE FEAR THAT THE THAI GOVT WILL SEEK AN ACCOMODATION WITH THAI COMMUNISTS THEREBY MAKING SUPPLY OF MODERN WEAPONS TO THE MCP IN THE MALAYSIA-THAI BORDER REGION EASIER. RECENT STATEMENTS FROM PEKING PRAISING THE MCP ON ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY (HONG KONG 4689), ALTHOUGH NOT PUBLISHED HERE, ARE KNOWN TO MANY THROUGH BROADCASTS OF CHINA-BASED VOICE OF THE MALAYAN REVOLUTION, AND MUST CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNSETTLING EFFECT OF THE FOREGOING EVENTS. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN, HOWEVER, WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS UMNO PARTY WILL TURN AWAY FROM THEIR PRESENT CHAUVINISTIC, PRO-MALAY POLITICKING IN FAVOR OF PROGRAMS AND STATEMENTS MORE BROADLY ATTRACTIVE TO THE NON-MALAY HALF OF THE POPULATION IN ORDER TO DIMINISH POTENTIAL SUPPORT FOR THE MALAYSIAN COMMUNISTS. IN THE MEANTIME, WE EXPECT THE GOM TO DISPLAY CONTINUED OPTIMISM DESPITE MISGIVINGS.

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